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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are
3 saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Arthur Brazier, who
4 passed away on October 22, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Arthur Brazier was a civil rights activist
6 and community leader known throughout the world for his great
7 compassion and his unwavering devotion to God; he served as
8 pastor of the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago for 48 years
9 up until his retirement in 2008; he continued to serve as
10 pastor emeritus until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Arthur Brazier was a central figure in
12 driving out gang violence in his community; he helped lead the
13 fight for affordable housing and revitalizing his community; he
14 also marched alongside Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to protest
15 segregation and was responsible for bringing Dr. Martin Luther
16 King, Jr., to Chicago in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Bishop Arthur Brazier was a member of the Public
18 Buildings Commission of Chicago; he also served as a lecturer
19 at several leading universities, including the University of
20 Chicago, Northwestern University, Harvard University, and
21 Antioch College; and

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Arthur Brazier was the founder of the
2 Woodlawn Organization, the Woodlawn Preservation and
3 Investment Corporation, and the Fund for Community
4 Redevelopment and Revitalization; he was also a national leader
5 in community development; and

6 WHEREAS, Bishop Arthur Brazier was the author of "Black
7 Self-Determination", "Saved by Grace and Grace Alone", and
8 "Delivery Systems for Model Cities"; and

9 WHEREAS, Bishop Arthur Brazier is survived by his wife,
10 Isabelle; his son, Dr. Byron T. Brazier; his daughters, Lola
11 Hillman, Janice Dortch, and Rosalyn Shepherd; and his 7
12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
15 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with his family and
16 friends, the passing of Bishop Arthur Brazier; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Bishop Arthur Brazier as an
20 expression of our sympathy.